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FOR UNDERSECRETARY EAGLEBURGER AND ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MOORE (H)

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PEPR, PINT, XF
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S SPEECH ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE: REACTION
OF SENATOR PERCY

REF: EAGLEBURGER/EWING TELCON SEPTEMBER 1

1. C-ENTIRE TEXT

2. WE INFORD SENATOR PERCY EARLY SEPTEMBER 2 IN
PAPHOS OF CONTENTS OF PRESIDENT'S MIDDLE EAST SPEECH
AND OF UNDERSECRETARY EAGLEBURGER'S ADVANCE NOTIFICATION
TO HIM. PERCY WANTS TO BE FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS
INITIATIVE BUT GIVEN TOTAL CYPRIOT PREOCCUPATION WITH
CYPRUS AND FACT THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REVIEW
FULL TEXT OF SPEECH FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS, HE HAS
DECIDED NOT TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT UNTIL AFTER
HIS DEPARTURE FROM CYPRUS.

3. FOR ATHENS: FOR REASONS NOTED ABO, SENATOR
PERCY HAS DECIDED NOT TO MAKE STATEMENT ON PRESI-
DENT'S MIDDLE EAST SPEECH WHILE IN CYPRUS.
HE WILL, HOWEVER, MAKE DEPARTURE STATEMENT AT
LARNACA SEPTEMBER 6 CONCERNING HIS CYPRUS VISIT.
HE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE USIS ATHENS ATTEMPTING
TO ARRANGE OPPORTUNITY AT ATHENS AIRPORT INVOLVING
WIRE SERVICES, ACCREDITED U.S. CORRESPONDENTS,
AND OTHERS IN ORDER TO MAKE STATEMENT ON MIDDLE
EAST AND POSSIBLY ALSO ON PIPELINE ISSUE. PERCY
WILL ARRIVE ATHENS VIA CY 312 AT 1030 AND DEPART
ON TW 881 AT 1300 SEPT. 6. PLEASE ADVISE IF ARRANGEMENTS
CAN BE MADE FOR SENATOR PERCY TO MEET WITH PRESS AT
ATHENS AIRPORT.
EWING
END OF MESSAGE

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State Dept. review completed

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